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CAST:

THE DOCTOR PERI

MASTER

RANI

LORD RAVENSWORTH

JACK WARD

TIM BASS

DRAYMAN

GUARD

GREEN

RUDGE

YOUNG WOMAN

OLDER WOMAN

LUKE

NON-SPEAKING:

VILLAGERS

MINERS

AGGRESSORS

GUARDS

DOG

HORSE

RANI'S ASSISTANTS

STREET VENDOR

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SETS:

Tardis Console Room

Bath-House Composite: Chamber

Lab.

Hall

Pit Office

Disused Mine Working

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TELECINE:

Ext. Pit: Slag Heap

Perimeter Gate

Office Shaft

Overhead Track

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TELECINE: (cont)

Ext. Village: Outskirts

Street Tavern Bath-House

Ext. Redfern Vale: Field

Lane Path Stile

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1. INT. TARDIS. CONSOLE ROOM.

(A FOREHEAD PUCKERED IN CONCENTRATION, THE DOCTOR IS AT THE CONSOLE MAKING ADJUSTMENTS)

THE DOCTOR: (TO HIMSELF) Must get the co-ordinates spot on.

(PERI WALTZES IN DRESSED IN EARLY 1800s COSTUME)

PERI: Hey, Doctor, this is great!

 $\frac{\text{THE DOCTOR:}}{\text{large?}}$ The costume is too

PERI: Large?

THE DOCTOR: Isn't that the accepted meaning of great? A synonym for large.

PERI: please.

(PUTTING UP FRILLY PARASOLE, SHE PIROUETTES)

What d'you reckon? Okay for the official opening of Kew Gardens?

THE DOCTOR: (LOST IN THOUGHT)
Of course, great can also be used for high degree of magnitude. Someone elevated to power ...

(A TREMENDOUS JUDDER.

BOTH ARE THROWN OFF BALANCE AS THE TARDIS LURCHES)

TELECINE 1:

<u>a) Ext. Pit. Overhead</u> Track. Day.

In swirling dust, a small avalanche of coal is tipped from a truck on an overhead track.

Simultaneously a bell clangorously peals, signalling the end of a shift.

Flexing shoulders hunched by fatigue, the begrimed MINER manning the tipping operation, descends and heads for the pit gate.

Patrolling the perimeter fence is a GUARD with a dog on a leash.

b) Ext. Village. Adj. Tavern. Day.

Several blackened-faced MINERS reach the tavern.

One of them, TIM BASS, looks back.

TIM BASS: (CALLING) Coming in, Jack?

JACK WARD slouches past.

<u>WARD:</u> Nay, lad. Don't think I've strength to lift a Toby.

WARD and two others, EDWIN GREEN and SAM RUDGE, continue up the hill towards the bath-house.

c) Ext. Village. Adj. Bath-house. Day.

Beneath a board reading 'BATH-HOUSE', waits an OLD CRONE.

Her shawl cowls her head so that her gnarled features cannot be seen.

When the THREE MINERS frudge into view, she scurries into the house before them.

2. INT. BATH-HOUSE. HALL. DAY.

(TAKING UP STATION AT THE DOOR TO THE BATH CHAMBER, THE OLD CRONE ACCEPTS COINS IN EXCHANGE FOR TOWELS)

OLD CRONE: Tha's wise ones. First here. When water's hot and clean.

 $\underline{\underline{\text{WARD:}}}$ Nay, not wise, Granma. Just fair wore out.

3. INT. BATH-HOUSE. CHAMBER. DAY.

(FORMERLY TWO ROOMS
THE WINDOWS OF WHICH
HAVE BEEN BOARDED
OVER, THE SPARSE
MAKESHIFT CHAMBER'S
ONLY FURNITURE CONSISTS
OF FOUR WATER-FILLED
HIP BATHS.

THE MINERS HANG THEIR JACKETS ON PEGS.

WARD TOSSES HIS NECKERCHIEF AND MISSES)

WARD: Oh, stay there! (HE GROANS)
I've hardly energy to wash.

(EDWIN GREEN RECOVERS THE NECKERCHIEF AND HANGS IT UP.

WARD MUSTERS A RUEFUL SMILE OF THANKS.

UNNOTICED BY THEM, A SMALL PIPE IS INFILTRATING A JET OF CRIMSON STEAM INTO THE ALREADY STEAM LADEN CHAMBER.

AS IT ENVELOPES THEM, THEY SLUMP TO THE FLOOR UNCONSCIOUS.

CAMERA CENTRES ON WHAT IS APPARENTLY A SOLID WALL. A CRACK APPEARS, SLOWLY THE WALL SLIDES APART.

WAITING TO ENTER,
ARE TWO MUSCULAR
HUMANS WHOSE HEADS
ARE ENCASED IN
TRANSPARENT GLOBES
WITH NOZZLED FILTERS)

4. INT. TARDIS. CONSOLE ROOM.

(THE TARDIS IS ON AN EVEN KEEL.

PERI AND THE DOCTOR ARE STUDYING THE CONSOLE)

PERI: (ANXIOUSLY) Well?

THE DOCTOR: (ABSENTLY) I've never felt better.

 $\underline{\underline{PERI:}}$ Wisecracks like that tell me one thing.

THE DOCTOR: What?

(HE IS ABSORBED IN THE CONTROLS AND IS PATIENTLY FOBBING HER OFF)

PERI: going on.
You haven't a clue what's

THE DOCTOR: Oh, I know what's going on. We're being manoeuvred off course.

PERI: Manoeuvred off course! You
mean it isn't the Tardis malfunctioning
again?

THE DOCTOR: Malfunctioning?
(SAVOURS THE WORD) Malfunctioning
(SHOUTS) Malfunctioning! After all
the work I've done on it!

PERI: I only asked a simple
question.

THE DOCTOR: So you did. But it was the wrong question. You know how sensitive I am about the Tardis.

PERI: So tell me what's going
on.

(THE DOCTOR PEERS AT THE PANEL)

THE DOCTOR: The date co-ordinates are still constant. It's just the location that's being changed.

PERI: Being changed! Who by?

THE DOCTOR: Whom ... To use your vernacular, I haven't a clue.

(ANGRILY HE JABS AT THE CONTROLS)

PERI: Can't you override?

THE DOCTOR: Try not to be so obtuse! What d'you imagine I'm attempting to do?

THE DOCTOR: No. It's time distortion. (SUDDEN THOUGHT) As though there was another time machine nearby.

PERI: A Time Lord?

THE DOCTOR: Or a Dalek. Certainly an alien force of some sort.

PERI: On Earth?

(THE DOCTOR NODS)

I don't believe it. Not again. You would think they could find another planet to invade.

5. INT. BATH-HOUSE. CHAMBER. DAY.

(THE MUSCULAR HUMANS COME FROM BEYOND THE DIVIDED WALL CARRYING THE UNCONSCIOUS JACK WARD.

CAMERA CLOSES ON WARD.
JUST BELOW THE HAIRLINE
ON THE LEFT SIDE OF HIS
NECK THERE IS A SIZEABLE,
ROUND, RED MARK)

TELECINE 2:

Ext. Slag Heap. Day.

The Tardis materialises at the foot of a slag heap.

THE DOCTOR then PERI exit.

She eyes the bleak landscape with displeasure.

PERI: Some substitute for Kew
Gardens!

THE DOCTOR: Try looking on the bright side. After all, isn't coal fossilized plant life?

THE DOCTOR is holding a tracking device.

PERI: What've you got there?

THE DOCTOR: Tracking device. Registers time distortion. Hoist up your skirts, Peri, we're off!

6. INT. BATH-HOUSE. CHAMBER. DAY.

(THE WALL IS CLOSED.

BOISTEROUS, HYPERACTIVE, THE THREE MINERS, BATHED AND DRESSED, ARE FLICKING EACH OTHER WITH TOWELS.

GREEN, TAKING EXCEPTION TO A VICIOUS SWIPE, SPARS UP TO RUDGE.

THE CHALLENGE IS ACCEPTED, BUT THE HORSEPLAY RAPIDLY DEGENERATES INTO A SERIOUS FIGHT.

FINGERING THE RED MARK ON HIS NECK, WARD LEAVES.

ABANDONING THE FIGHT, THE OTHERS FOLLOW.

EACH HAS A SIMILAR RED MARK AND EACH HAS THE TENDANCY TO RUB IT AS THOUGH IT WERE AN IRRITANT.

(Note: Miners bearing
the red mark will be
referred to as AGGRESSORS.))

TELECINE 3:

a) Ext. Village. Adj. Bath-house. Day.

An ELDERLY STREET VENDOR with only one leg and supported by a crutch, is selling muffins to a WOMAN CUSTOMER as the AGGRESSORS surge from the bath-house.

Deliberately, they jostle the WOMAN, kick away the VENDOR's crutch and up-end the tray.

Using the spilled muffins as footballs, they hustle on.

b) Ext. Redfern Vale. Field. Day.

PERI and THE DOCTOR keep to the border path.

In mid-field is a scarecrow decked out in old workman's clothes.

THE DOCTOR has the tracer at arm's length.

PERI is more interested in the hedgerow flowers.

PERI: Most of these hedgerows
won't exist soon. (cont ...)

THE DOCTOR, preoccupied, does not answer.

PERI: (cont) In the twentieth century, I mean. They're being chopped down to improve farming efficiency.

He is increasingly uneasy, but PERI is unaware of this.

<u>PERI:</u> My generation's already worried about the affect on wild life. Some species of butterflies are almost extinct. Birds too.

THE DOCTOR: Talking of birds - have you noticed anything strange?

PERI: Strange?

She looks around.

PERI'S P.O.V. there is an eerie stillness about the field.

THE DOCTOR: No birdsong ... And no birds ...

 $\underline{\text{PERI:}}$ (INDICATING) Could be the scarecrow.

THE DOCTOR: They're not usually this effective.

PERI: Well, if the place gives
you the creeps, let's get out of
it!

PERI makes for the gate.

THE DOCTOR, still vaguely ill at ease, tags along.

From mid-field, just behind the scarecrow, we see them go through the gate.

Slowly the inclined head of the scarecrow lifts.

c) Ext. Redfern Vale. Lane. Day.

At a steady trot, a horse-drawn dray, loaded with a crate, rounds a bend in the narrow lane.

Coming from the opposite direction is JACK WARD.

DRAYMAN: Finished for't day, Jack?

No reply.

The other AGGRESSORS join him.

Three abreast, they block the lane.

DRAYMAN: Come on, lads. Out of
road. Got to deliver this lot
to pit.

No movement.

Puzzled, nervous the DRAYMAN cracks his whip.

The gesture is received with unflinching contempt.

WARD catches hold of the snapping thong and yanks the DRAYMAN from the wagon.

But the target for their hostility is the crate.

With unbridled fury, they haul the crate from the wagon and commence to smash it and the machinery inside.

Recovering, the stunned DRAYMAN, wielding a length of packing case, thwacks JACK WARD, knocking him into the ditch.

This is his only victory - A clout sends him reeling.

<u>d) Ext. Redfern Vale.</u> Path. Day.

The hubbub of splintering timber and the terrified neighing of a horse, takes THE DOCTOR's attention from the tracer.

Perplexed, he and PERI approach a stile giving access to the lane.

e) Ext. Redfern Vale. Lane. Day.

Vandalism completed the TWO AGGRESSORS decamp.

Forsaking the recumbent JACK WARD, they run towards the stile.

f) Ext. Redfern Vale.
Stile. Day.

Fractionally before THE DOCTOR and PERI get to the stile, the TWO AGGRESSORS, pelting each other with packing straw, go by.

g) Ext. Redfern Vale. Lane. Day.

Coming from the stile, it is the horse to which THE DOCTOR hurries, soothing and calming the disturbed animal.

A HAND groping above the debris attracts PERI.

PERI: Doctor!

She runs to assist the DRAYMAN.

PERI: Here, let me help.

The DRAYMAN tries to rise, but sags to his knees.

PERI: Why did they attack you?

THE DOCTOR: They didn't.

Examining the DRAYMAN'S HEAD.

THE DOCTOR: They attacked the
machinery.

DRAYMAN: That's right, Miss. They
was after smashing up machinery.

PERI: I'm lost. Why would anyone
want to smash machinery?

DRAYMAN: They're scared it'll rob
them of their jobs.

THE DOCTOR: Maybe.

PERI: You suspect another motive?

THE DOCTOR: (AMBIGUOUSLY) Let's say I'm keeping an open mind. (TO DRAYMAN) Try standing.

A groan from the ditch.

THE DOCTOR goes to JACK WARD.

DRAYMAN: Odd that. Leaving him
behind. They're usually such
mates.

h) Ext. Redfern Vale.
Stile. Day.

From the P.O.V. of an unseen observer, we see THE DOCTOR attending to WARD.

A branch partly obscures the view.

A BLACK GLOVED HAND lowers it.

<u>i) Ext. Redfern Vale.</u>
Lane. Day.

THE DOCTOR: (DISCOVERING RED MARK)
Unusual sort of mark. Any idea how
it got there -

Belligerently, WARD shoves THE DOCTOR aside.

PERI: Hey!

THE DOCTOR: Steady now. Only trying to help.

Flourishing a piece of timber, WARD backs away.

DRAYMAN: What's got into you,
Jack? (TO DOCTOR) Can't fathom
it. Never seen him like this
afore.

Having gained several yards, WARD turns and hares off.

PERI: So much for playing the
Good Samaritan!

j) Ext. Redfern Vale.
Adj. Stile. Day.

Faculties not completely unscrambled, WARD pauses, sees the scarecrow on the other side of the stile (the unseen observer).

Heaving the piece of timber at him, he races on along the lane.

(Note: Although WARD will have seen the features of the scarecrow, the viewer will not.).

k) Ext. Redfern Vale. Lane. Day.

The DRAYMAN picks up a scrap of broken machinery.

PERI: I guess this lot's had
it!

DRAYMAN: Mister Stephenson's
not going to be well pleased.

THE DOCTOR: Stephenson?

DRAYMAN: Waiting for them parts,
he is.

THE DOCTOR: George Stephenson?

DRAYMAN: Aye, sir. Dost know him?

THE DOCTOR: Know of him. (TO PERI) How d'you like to meet a genius?

PERI: I thought I already had!

THE DOCTOR: No, Peri. I've never changed the course of history. Indeed, I'm forbidden so to do. But George Stephenson will.

PERI: (SUDDENLY SERIOUS) Could
that be what all this is about?

THE DOCTOR: An astute observation, Peri. (URGENTLY TO DRAYMAN) Can you give us a lift?

DRAYMAN: Certainly, sir.

They clamber aboard the dray.

1) Ext. Redfern Vale. Adj. Stile. Day.

As the clop of the horse's hoofs begin, the SCARECROW climbs the stile.

TELECINE 4:

a) Ext. Village. Adj. Bath-house. Day.

A BOY, booting a muffin along the road, is beckoned impatiently by the OLD CRONE as she comes into the street.

OLD CRONE: Here. Run to tavern. Tell men who want bath to come right now.

Grabbing the proffered coin, the BOY skips off.

OLD CRONE: (CALLING) Warn them us won't be keeping water hot much longer!

The dray, with THE DOCTOR and PERI abroad, rumbles by.

The tracer quivers and begins broadcasting weird bleeps, startling everyone, including the OLD CRONE.

PERI: (EXASPERATED) Doctor!

She watches as THE DOCTOR frantically attempts to subdue his errant invention and the DRAYMAN to subdue his horse.

7. INT. BATH-HOUSE. CHAMBER. DAY.

(ALL IS IN READINESS FOR THE NEXT CUSTOMERS.

ADJUSTING HER SHAWL, THE OLD CRONE EXITS)

DRAYMAN: Whoa, Daisy! Whoa!

Calm restored, THE DOCTOR glances round selfconsciously - the OLD CRONE quickly averts her head.

PERI: Was that significant?
Or just a hiccup?

THE DOCTOR: I'm not sure. We did hit a nasty bump just there.

They continue.

The OLD CRONE gazes after them.

b) Ext. Village. Adj. Tavern. Day.

THREE MINERS, accompanied by the BOY, are leaving the tavern.

One of them, TIM BASS, gives the approaching DRAYMAN a tired but friendly nod as he passes.

THE DOCTOR: (SHARPLY) Why are you stopping here?

<u>DRAYMAN:</u> I still feel a bit shook up. I need a Toby afore I tell them at pit about attack.

THE DOCTOR: (DISEMBARKING) Where will I find George Stephenson?

DRAYMAN: (POINTING AHEAD) In pit. 'Appen thou put in word for me. They'll be none too pleased 'bout machinery.

THE DOCTOR: (HURRYING AWAY) Yes.

The DRAYMAN assists PERI down.

DRAYMAN: In't mighty hurry,in't
he. Miss? Dost mean summat's
wrong?

PERI: (SERIOUSLY) It does, I'm
afraid. (MOVING OFF) But don't
ask me what.

c) Ext. Village. Adj. Bath-house. Day.

The OLD CRONE collects coins from the THREE MINERS.

BASS: We're not t'last, Granma. T'others be along when't emptied Tobys.

Ushering them inside, she contemplates the direction the dray took, then, thoughtfully, peers in the opposite direction before going inside.

As the door closes, PAN to alleyway. Scarecrow's discarded hat is tossed into SHOT.

He then removes wisps of straw from his sleeves as the SCARECROW moves into the street.
... and for the first time we see the FEATURES of the MASTER ...

8. INT. BATH-HOUSE. HALL. DAY.

(THE OLD CRONE RAMS HOME THE BOLT ON THE STREET DOOR)

TELECINE 5:

a) Ext. Village. Street. Adj. Bath-house. Day.

A sardonic smile plays upon the MASTER'S lips as he hears the thrust of the bolt.

MASTER: Primitive. An insult. But first things first ...

Heading in the direction THE DOCTOR took and smiles.

MASTER: I've a death to arrange ...

b) Ext. Pit. Gate and Perimeter Fence. Day.

Fangs bared, snarling, a dog, straining on its leash, warns of The Doctor's and Peri's approach.

With an armed GUARD, it secures the gate.

PERI: What've they got in there?
Coal or diamonds?

Strategically positioned, more armed GUARDS create the impression of a besieged fortress.

THE DOCTOR: Machinery. More specifically George Stephenson. And he's -

<u>PERI:</u> I know. One of the architects of the Industrial Revolution.

THE DOCTOR: And I didn't exaggerate. Without his genius, your precious twentieth century would be a much sorrier place. (EYEING THE DOG) We've got to get in there.

PERI: Easier said ...! That dog doesn't look as though it's been fed today!

With absolute confidence, THE DOCTOR tries to brazen his way past the GUARD.

GUARD: Oy! Where dost thing
tha's going?

He lengthens the leash.

The dog leaps ferociously, jaws snapping.

THE DOCTOR: To see George Can you tell me where he'll be?

<u>GUARD:</u> No-one gets in here without a pass.

THE DOCTOR: My dear man, a pass
- I am a VIP!

GUARD: If the be here for t'meeting, tha'd have special pass.

THE DOCTOR: Meeting?

PERI: We've been travelling. The pass obviously never reached us.

The GUARD still regards them suspiciously.

GUARD: Then tha's name will be on't list.

Before he can consult the clip-board he is holding, THE DOCTOR confiscates it.

THE DOCTOR: Here, let me see that.

The dog growls menacingly.

PERI flinches.

THE DOCTOR: (ABSENTLY) Kindly control that animal! (READING) James Watt, Thomas Telford, Michael Faraday Humphrey Davy - Good heavens, Peri! D'you recognise them?

PERI: I'm not totally ignorant.
What's the noun for a collection
of geniuses? A bevy?

THE DOCTOR: I don't know. But I do know the men who will be at this meeting transformed history.

ANOTHER ANGLE.

Hills are to

Some fifty metres from the pit, the MASTER pauses as he witnesses the padlocking of the gate.

Angrily changing tack, he seeks an alternative way in.

GUARD: That's as maybe.
(RECLAIMING BOARD) Is the name
on't list?

THE DOCTOR: An oversight.

GUARD: Oh, aye? A genius too
art tha?

THE DOCTOR: Indeed I am. I'm
also an inventor. Look!

He waggles the tracer under the GUARD'S NOSE.

Again the dog growls.

PERI: (ANXIOUSLY TAKING OVER)
I must apologise. (A WINNING SMILE) The Doctor's a little eccentric.

 $\underline{\text{GUARD:}}$ Doctor, is he? I could maybe ask in't office.

PERI: Would you? How kind.

GUARD: (CALLING) Harry!

A GUARD comes from a shed.

GUARD: The gate!

He tosses the keys.

GUARD: Best lock it. (TO PERI)
This way, Miss.

THE DOCTOR:
Eccentric? (FOLLOWING)
Me? Preposterous!

9. INT. OFFICE. DAY.

(THE GUARD ESCORTS PERI AND THE DOCTOR INTO THE UNOCCUPIED OFFICE)

 $\underline{\text{GUARD:}}$ If tha'll sit thee down, I'll see if I can find Mister Stephenson.

THE DOCTOR: I'll come with you -

GUARD: Nay! Tha'll bide here!
(TO DOG) Stay!

(HE EXITS.

THE DOG REMAINS NEAR THE DOORWAY)

THE DOCTOR: (ADVANCING ON DOG) Good dog ...

PERI: What're you up to?

THE DOCTOR: (TRYING TO SIDLE PAST) Good boy, then. Let the nice Doctor through -

(THE DOG GROWLS)

PERI: I guess he's not
susceptible to your irresistible
charm!

THE DOCTOR: (TURNING ON HER)
Occasionally - just occasionally
- your smugness infuriates me!

(ANOTHER GROWL)

PERI: Keep your voice down!
Time Lords may not get rabies
but humans do! And that dog
looks more than ready to bite.

THE DOCTOR: Will you stop prattling about the dog!

(HE CROSSES TO THE WINDOW)

Something's going on here.

(HE TUGS THE WINDOW)

I don't fully understand what.

(ANOTHER IMPATIENT TUG)

But I'm increasingly convinced it's got to be stopped!

<u>PERI:</u> Could be you're jumping the gun.

THE DOCTOR: Really? That's
your assessment?

(HE ABANDONS THE WINDOW WHICH HAS REMAINED OBSTINATELY SHUT)

Did you see the date at the top of that list? (cont ...)

(HE LOOKS ABOUT FOR ANOTHER MEANS OF ESCAPE) THE DOCTOR: (cont) In less than two days, a meeting will take place -here - of many of the greatest practical talents the human race has produced. A coincidence?

PERI: Unlikely, I agree.

THE DOCTOR: Well, waiting around in an office isn't going to provide the answer.

(THE DOG, SNARLING, RISES)

PERI: I warned you to cool it.

(THE DOG PADS NEARER THE DOORWAY)

THE DOCTOR: It's not me ...

TELECINE 6:

Ext. Pit. Gate and Perimeter Fence. Day.

Frustrated by the patrolling armed GUARDS, the MASTER returns to the gate area.

Needing a distraction to lure the GUARD from his post, the MASTER, using the tce, shrinks the supporting leg of a loading platform, causing it to collapse.

The ruse succeeds.
The GUARD hurries to investigate.

The MASTER moves towards the gate.

10. INT. OFFICE. DAY.

(BRISTLING, SNARLING, THE DOG IS POISED IN THE DOORWAY)

THE DOCTOR: You can't blame me for this.

(JUST A TREMULOUS GULP FROM PERI. SHE SHARES HIS FEAR OF THE AROUSED ANIMAL.

BOTH START NERVOUSLY AS, WITH A SHRILL YELP, IT BOUNDS FROM THE OFFICE)

PERI: He's really spooked. I
wonder why? Doctor - ?

(TRACER ALOFT, THE DOCTOR MAKES A LIGHTNING EXIT)

TELECINE 7:

a) Ext. Pit. Gate. Day.

Maintaining an assumed casualness, the MASTER strolls to the gate and is fingering the padlock ... the dog comes hurtling between the sheds.

Barking ferociously, it leaps at the gate.

Recoiling, enraged, the MASTER draws the tce ... and eliminates the (OFF CAMERA) dog. It's death howl is short but terrible.

The action has been seen by HARRY the GUARD. Attracted by the commotion, he has backtracked.

He is unshouldering his gun, when he, too, is killed.

Showing no remorse, the MASTER looks about, confirming the slaughter has gone unnoticed.

b) Ext. Pit. Adj. Office. Day.

Intent, PERI listens.

PERI: It's stopped.

THE DOCTOR, who is peering into a shed, raps the tracer.

THE DOCTOR: No, it's still functioning.

PERI: The dog! It's not barking.

He pauses, listening.

THE DOCTOR: (QUIETLY) 'There was silence deep as death'.

PERI: That's morbid.

THE DOCTOR: Possibly.

He moves on.

c) Ext. Pit. Gate. Day.

WARD and TWO OTHER AGGRESSORS, RUDGE and GREEN, come into view.

Instead of retreating, the MASTER opts for confrontation.

MASTER: (TO WARD) You there! You were in the lane. Smashing machinery.

WARD: Never mind machinery. What's tha doing here?

RUDGE: That's easy. He's one of brainy ones. Arrived early for this meeting!

Belligerently, they close in.

 $\frac{\text{WARD:}}{\text{us jobs!}}$ Aye, come to rob us of

MASTER: (IMPERIOUSLY) Hold hard!
I intend you no harm.

GREEN: Talks funny, don't he?
(MIMICKING) 'Hold hard'!

He scoops up a stone, clenches it in his fist.

GREEN: This hard enough?

MASTER: Imbeciles! Are you incapable of using your brains! What advantage will that bring you? (TO WARD) You let the man you should have destroyed go free!

His verbal onslaught confuses them.

WARD: I did? What's tha on
about?

MASTER: In the lane. He pretended to help you. Help! He's a friend of Stephenson's An inventor. Here to mechanise the mine.

RUDGE: Dost know what he's
getting at, Jack?

WARD: Doing nowt but trying to save his skin!

MASTER: Ask him. Ask him why he's trying to take the bread out of your mouths.

GREEN: Us'll do more than ask!
Where is he? Dost know?

MASTER: He's just gone into the pit.

GREEN kicks savagely at the padlock. To no avail.

MASTER: Let me.

Shielding the lock from the AGGRESSORS, he takes out a pencilthin laser.

MASTER: You can't mistake him. Mean looking.

The laser burns through the padlock.

MASTER: Wearing yellow trousers and a coloured coat.

The MASTER swings the gate wide.

MASTER: A word of warning. Go carefully. He's treacherous

d) Ext. Pit. Adj. Shaft. Day.

Trying to stay with the impatient DOCTOR, PERI stumbles, and, in steadying herself, knocks over a safety lamp.

THE DOCTOR: Careful, careful.

PERI: What are we doing here?

THE DOCTOR: I must find
Stephenson.

<u>PERI:</u> He could be underground. Anywhere.

She peers over the rim of the shaft, gulps, sways, vertigo.

INSERT SHOT of SHAFT emphasising the seemingly bottomless, inky depth.

A HAND clasps PERI'S SHOULDER.

THE DOCTOR: Peri, you have an extraordinary capacity for seeking out danger.

 $\frac{\text{PERI:}}{\text{HIM}}$ Doctor! (LOOKING BEYOND

THE DOCTOR: You must learn to
avoid getting into situations -

PERI: Doctor!

A chunk of coal comes hurling at him!

He ducks. Dodges behind a truck on the turntable fronting the shaft.

The THREE AGGRESSORS close.

He swivels the truck, keeping it between himself and them. With arrogant ease, the brawny WARD grabs the truck and shunts it trundling along the track.

THE DOCTOR: Peri! Get away from here!

PERI: But -

THE DOCTOR: Don't argue! Go!

His foot catches in the rail ... he staggers.

A smart kick from GREEN knocks the tracer from his grip, sending it over the edge of the shaft.

After what appears an eternity to THE DOCTOR, there is a faint thud.

THE DOCTOR: Now you've really gone too far! After all the effort that went into constructing -

RUDGE lunges into him.

They topple into the crash barrier.

Their joint weight causes it to snap -

For a brief moment they totter on the brink, before going over.

THE DOCTOR grabs for the lift ropes, but RUDGE misses and falls. Rudge's long, diminishing scream underscores the sickening drop to the bottom.

Helplessly, THE DOCTOR dangles in mid-air.

e) Ext. Pit. Adj. Gate and Perimeter Fence. Day.

From a covert vantage point, the MASTER spectates with malicious glee.

f) Ext. Pit. Adj. Shaft. Day.

Suspended over the terrifying blackness, THE DOCTOR clings onto the ropes for dear life.

Incensed by the fate of Rudge, the AGGRESSORS have armed themselves with a pit prop. With vicious jabs, they poke at THE DOCTOR.

PERI: Leave him alone! Stop!

Arms flailing, she attacks WARD. Almost indifferently he brushes her aside.

PERI: Help! Someone help! (cont ...)

The prodding has forced THE DOCTOR to lose the grip of one hand.

Hysterically, PERI pelts lumps of coal at the ASSAILANTS, some of which miss and spray THE DOCTOR. PERI: (cont) Are you crazy!
You'll kill him!

Ignoring her, spurred on by their success as THE DOCTOR's hold weakens, they thrust at his dangling body with increasing ferocity.

A shot blasts out.

The portly, well-dressed, LORD RAVENSWORTH storms onto the scene accompanied by the GUARD.

RAVENSWORTH: Stop that or I'll blast you to kingdom come!

He levels the blunderbuss, takes aim.

The AGGRESSORS scarper. The GUARD goes to give chase.

RAVENSWORTH: Forget them! Quickly, haul that man to safety!

Using the abandoned pit prop, PERI and the GUARD assist THE DOCTOR onto terra firma.

THE DOCTOR: Almost at the end of my tether, eh?

PERI: It's no joke!

THE DOCTOR: (TO RAVENSWORTH) I can't thank you enough. But for your very opportune arrival, I - (HE SHRUGS)

RAVENSWORTH: Thank their stupidity. (INDICATING GUN) I'd used up the shot. Would've taken at least two minutes to reload. They had plenty of time to finish your friend off.

The doctor swallows hard.

RAVENSWORTH: Now perhaps you'll tell me who you are. And I don't want any flummery about VIPs.
I'm Lord Ravensworth. The owner.
I issued - personally - the invitations to the meeting. And your face is not one I recall!
(AN ORDER) My office! (LEADING THE WAY) V.I.P.s indeed ...!

g) Ext. Pit. Adj. Gate. and Perimeter Fence. Day.

With bad tempered grace, the MASTER departs.

11. INT. OFFICE. DAY.

THE DOCTOR: He's quite right, of course.

(ACKNOWLEDGING GUARD)

We shouldn't have deceived him. But how else could we have got in.

RAVENSWORTH: Spare me the dubious Came to see George Stephenson, you say?

THE DOCTOR: I'm a great admirer.

RAVENSWORTH: (SCEPTICALLY) Must be if you're prepared to resort to trickery! How do I know you're not in league with these machinery wreckers? These wretched Luddites!

THE DOCTOR: Really! Do I look like a man who would wreck machines.

(PERI CLOSES HER EYES IN SILENT PRAYER AS RAVENSWORTH SOURLY APPRAISES THE DOCTOR.

ABRUPTLY HE TAKES
THE DOCTOR'S HANDS
AND TURNS THEM PALMS
UP)

RAVENSWORTH: Certainly you've never done a day's labour in your life.

(HE IGNORES THE DOCTOR'S AFFRONTED LOOK)

RAVENSWORTH: (cont) (DOUBTFULLY) It's
possible you may even be a
gentleman.

GUARD: Shall us get up a search for them two who attacked this - er - gentleman, m'lord?

RAVENSWORTH: Leave them. They'll've
gone to ground.

PERI: Leave them! They wanted to
kill The Doctor!

RAVENSWORTH: I'm not disputing that, young woman. A brutal attack. On a complete stranger.

(SUSPICIOUSLY TO DOCTOR)

I take it you were not acquainted.

THE DOCTOR: I'd met the big fellow briefly when I tried to help him.

RAVENSWORTH: That'll be Jack Ward. Over thirty years he's worked for me. In all that while I've never seen him raise his fists to another man.

PERI: now!
Well he's undergone a change

THE DOCTOR: (AMBIGUOUSLY) Yes ... he has, hasn't he ...

TELECINE 8:

Ext. Village. Street. Day.

In their haste to escape WARD and GREEN collide with TWO WOMEN walking towards the pit.

Shoving the WOMEN aside, they run on.

12. INT. OFFICE. DAY.

THE DOCTOR: The disruptions only started recently?

RAVENSWORTH: Disruption is a tardy description! There've been Luddite attacks on machinery all over the country. But here -

(HE SHAKES HIS HEAD)

THE DOCTOR: It's been more extreme?

 $\frac{\text{RAVENSWORTH:}}{\text{horrendous.}} \quad \text{The violence has been}$

PERI: Murderous would be more apt.

THE DOCTOR: (REPROVINGLY) Peri ...

RAVENSWORTH: No, the young lady's right. I don't understand what's going on. I've always had an excellent relationship with the men. Flattered myself I enjoyed their trust and respect. Now this nightmare ...

(HE GOES TO THE WINDOW)

TELECINE 9:

Ext. Pit. Shaft. Day.

The attempt to raise the body has commenced.

Suddenly the sounds of heightened women's voices can be heard coming from the direction of the gate OS.

13. INT. OFFICE. DAY.

RAVENSWORTH: (RESIGNEDLY) They've
obviously heard about the accident.

PERI: Accident!

RAVENSWORTH: (TO GUARD) Bring the women here.

(THE GUARD GOES)

THE DOCTOR: Is it just the men who are affected?

RAVENSWORTH: Yes. They become savage, Go beserk. Seem to suffer a complete change of personality ...

14. INT. BATH-HOUSE. LAB. DAY.

(TWO MINERS LIE, COMATOSE ON TROLLEYS.

THE MUSCULAR HUMANS (ASSISTANTS) STAND PASSIVELY IN A CORNER.

ONE MINER ALREADY HAS A TUBE CLAMPED TO THE LEFT SIDE OF HIS NECK (WHERE THE RED MARK IS ALWAYS TO BE FOUND).

THIS IS CONNECTED TO A COMPACT COMPUTER.

A MONITOR SCREEN
DISPLAYS A MULTICOLOURED
SKULL. ANOTHER TUBE
LEADS FROM THE
COMPUTER TO A CRYSTAL FLAGON.
MINUSCULE GLOBULES OF
FLUID DRIP INTO THE
FLAGON.

THE OLD CRONE STUDIES
THE MONITOR SCREEN, THEN
TURNS TO CONNECT THE
OTHER MINER)

15. INT. BATH-HOUSE. HALL. DAY.

(UNAIDED, THE BOLT GLIDES BACK.

PUTTING AN ELECTRONIC MAGNET INTO HIS POCKET, THE MASTER STEPS IN)

16. INT. BATH-HOUSE. CHAMBER. DAY.

(THE WALL PARTS AND THE ASSISTANTS COME THROUGH CARRYING THE FIRST MINER.

AFTER LOWERING HIM
TO THE FLOOR, THEY PICK
UP THE REMAINING MINER
AND RETURN BEYOND
THE WALL.

THE MASTER EASES THE HALL DOOR WIDER)

17. INT. BATH-HOUSE. LAB. DAY.

(THE OLD CRONE IS SEALING A TINY PHIAL OF BRAIN FLUID, AN ABRUPT PAUSE REFLECTED IN THE CRYSTAL FLAGON IS THE MOCKING IMAGE OF THE MASTER)

MASTER: No welcome?

RANI: You're not!

(THE SHAWL SLIPS
AS HER HUNCHED SHOULDERS
AND SPINE STRAIGHTEN
TO REVEAL SHE IS
ONLY IN HER THIRTIES.

FROM NOW ON, THE
RANI ONLY ADOPTS THE
"OLD CRONE" IMAGE
WHEN IN CONTACT WITH THE LOCAL VILLAGERS, ALTHOUGH
SHE MAINTAINS HER "OLD
CRONE" MAKE-UP UNTIL
STATED IN EPISODE TWO)

MASTER: (LOOKING ABOUT)
Fascinating. But then anything connected with you would undoubtedly be fascinating, my dear Rani.

RANI: I thought that last mad scheme of yours had finished you for good.

MASTER: You jest, of course, I am indestructable! The whole universe knows that.

RANI: Pity!

MASTER: Really, my dear Rani, you and I should be friends. I am one of your greatest admirers.

RANI: Don't bother with flattery. I know why you're here. I saw The Doctor.

MASTER: Then you know why I need your co-operation.

RANI: Co-operation! I want nothing to do with you.

MASTER: You may change your mind when you hear my proposition.

RANI: I'm not concerned with your pathetic vendetta. One way or the other. Now clear off and let me get on with my work.

 $\underline{\text{MASTER:}}$ If only it were that simple.

(FINGERING THE APPARATUS)

However, I'm afraid you have little choice.

(DELIBERATELY FLICKING A PIECE OF TUBING, CAUSING THE MONITOR SCREEN TO REACT ADVERSELY)

Either you collaborate - or I bring this little veture to an extremely untimely end ...

RANI: Josh! Tom! Kill! (cont ...)

(THE TWO ASSITANTS LURCH FOR THE MASTER.

BUT HE IS TOO QUICK.

HE FIRES THE TCE, TOM IS ELIMINAYED.

HE POINTS IT AT JOSH)

RANI: (cont) No, Josh; Stand still, Josh!

(JOSH IMMEDIATELY OBEYS)

18. INT. OFFICE. DAY.

YOUNG WOMAN: My Josh, your lordship. Been missing for days.

(THE TWO WOMEN WHO WERE BUSTLED BY THE AGGRESSORS CONFRONT RAVENSWORTH)

OLDER WOMAN: It's not just her Josh that's missing. Our Tom's gone too.

THE DOCTOR: When?

(REALISING FROM RAVENSWORTH'S FROWN THAT HE IS INTRUDING)

Forgive me, Ravensworth. It is important.

(TO WOMEN)

When did they go missing?

OLDER WOMAN: Nowt's been seen of them since they come off shift together.

 $\underline{\underline{\mathtt{PERI:}}}$ Perhaps they've joined these Luddites.

OLDER WOMAN: Join that mob of lunatics! Smashing and rampaging day and night frightening folks out of us beds.

YOUNG WOMAN: My Josh wouldn't join them. he wouldn't hard, anyone ...

19. INT. BATH-HOUSE. CHAMBER. DAY.

(JOSH UNCEREMONIOUSLY ROLLS AN UNCONSCIOUS MINER ONTO HIS BACK, THEN RETIRES TO A CORNER)

RANI: You and the Doctor are a well
matched pair of pests!

(SHE HAS BUSTLED IN, THE MASTER AT HER HEELS)

You bring nothing but trouble. Now I need a new assistant!

(SHE TAKES OUT A PILL BOX, LIFTS THE LID.

INSIDE, GLOWING FLUORESCENTLY, ARE TINY, SQUIRMING MAGGOTS.

INTRIDUGED, THE MASTER WATCHES AS SHE TIPS SOME INTO THE MOUTH OF THE MINER)

MASTER: I wasn't wrong! I knew with you as controller it wouldn't be hypnotism. Not from a chemist of your calibre. What are they? Parasites you've specially impregnated.

RANI: (EXTENDING THE BOX) There's a
simple way to find out! Try some!

MASTER: Thank you, I won't. (GRABBING BOX) But I can envisage an occasion when they may serve an excellent cause ...

(RANI ATTEMPTS
TO RECLAIM THE BOX)

 $\underline{\text{RANI:}}$ I was offering you $\underline{\text{one}}$, not the lot!

MASTER: (ENGIMATICALLY) I can assure you your generosity will not be wasted ...

(THE MINER'S HEAD IS SUFFUSED WITH A BLUE GLOW.

WHEN IT ABATES, HIS EYES BLINK INTO A FIXED STARE)

RANI:
Josh.
(CURTLY) Take him through,

MASTER: Brilliant! Quite brilliant! When the Time Lords exiled you they made a cardinal error.

RANI: Yes. They did. And they'll learn to regret it. (EXITING) So will anyone else who interferes!

20. INT. OFFICE. DAY.

PERI: (QUIETLY) Doctor, let's get
out of here. Away from Killingworth.

(IN BACKGROUND RAVENSWORTH IS ESCORTING THE TWO WOMEN FROM THE OFFICE)

THE DOCTOR: I can't do that.

PERI: But you're in danger! That
attack wasn't random. Those louts
tried to kill you!

THE DOCTOR: Yes. Why?. Aren't you interested in why they should make me a target?

PERI: Not in the least. I can't
think of a better reason for
abandoning this visit

THE DOCTOR: You're forgetting. We didn't just stumble into this place. We were hijacked.

<u>PERI:</u> I'm forgetting nothing. The Luddites are not our problem.

THE DOCTOR: I agree.

PERI: (ACCUSINGLY) You don't
believe it is the Luddites.

THE DOCTOR: Do you? (NO RESPONSE) Until I know what's going on, we stay!

21. INT. BATH-HOUSE. LAB. DAY.

MASTER: You should co-operate, you know.

(THE RANI IS
DISCONNNECTING THE
TUBE FROM THE NECK
OF BASS)

The Doctor has had two run-ins with the results of your handiwork.

RANI: (TO ASSISTANTS) Take this
one through.

(BOTH COMPLY)

MASTER: He won't tolerate someone deliberately playing havoc with his favourite planet.

RANI: Can't you get it into your warped skull that there's nothing deliberate about it. The aggression's an unfortunate side effect.

MASTER: Unfortunate? Fortuitous would be a more apposite epithet!

RANI: Put it how you like. I need the chemical.

(DISCONNECTING THE CRYSTAL FLAGON)

The only source is the human brain. It can have no relevance to you or your machinations.

(RANI IS VERY CAREFULLY TIPPING THE BRAIN FLUID INTO THE PHIAL)

MASTER: Ah, but then, as yet, you are not appraised of my purpose in being here.

RANI: To destroy the Doctor. You've never had any other. It obsesses you to the exclusion of all else.

MASTER: You underestimate me. Certainly I want to destroy him. to see him suffer! But that will be an exquisite first step. I have a greater concept. One that will encompass the whole human race.

(AN ALL-EMBRACING SWEEP OF HIS ARMS.

THE RANI STUDIES HIM, LIKE A SPECIMEN ON A SLIDE)

RANI: You're unbalanced.

(A COLD STATEMENT OF FACT.

SHE SEALS THE PHIAL)

No wonder the Doctor always outwits you.

(ANGER REPLACES EUPHORIA. HE SNATCHES THE PHIAL)

RANI: Put that down!

(SAVOURING HER SUDDEN FEAR, HE EXAMINES THE PHIAL)

MASTER: Don't get much, do you?

RANI: There's only a minute amount in each brain.

MASTER: Why does extracting this make humans so agressive?

(NO RESPONSE.

HE RAISES HIS
ARM, THREATENING TO
DROP THE FHIAL)

I'll not ask again.

 $\underline{\text{RANI:}}$ Because without that chemical the brain cannot rest.

MASTER: Ah, now I understand. You need it for your aliens.

(A SHARP REACTION OF SURPRISE FROM THE RANI)

On Miasimia Goria.

(A SMILE AT HER ANNOYANCE)

Oh, I dropped in on your domain before following you here. Chaos! Complete mayhem! What went wrong?

RANI: Wrong? Who said anything went
wrong?

MASTER: You rule there. Absolutely. I assume one of your schemes didn't turn out quite as you expected.

RANI: A small matter. In the process of heightening the awareness of my aliens, I lowered their ability to sleep. They became -

MASTER: - difficult to control.
On the other hand, with this (THE PHIAL) and those impregnated parasites, their talents are yours to command.
Such power ... (POINTING) Is that a scanner?

RANI: Find out!

(THE MASTER REMOVES THE CAP, TIPS THE PHIAL, DELIBERATELY ALLOWING CNE DROP OF THE LIQUID TO DRIP)

Who d'you want?

MASTER: The Doctor.

RANI: Where did you see him last?

MASTER: At the pit.

(SHE SETS THE CO-ORDINATES.

HER P.O.V. ON SCREEN, WE SCAN THE PIT, ZOOM IN ON SHAFT AREA.

DRAPED IN A BLANKET. RUDGE'S BODY IS BEING LOWERED ONTO A STRETCHER.

THE DOCTOR STRIDES INTO VIEW)

TELECINE 10:

Ext. Pit. Shaft. Area. Day.

Flustered and outpaced, RAVENSWORTH follows
THE DOCTOR.

THE DOCTOR: (TO STRETCHER BEARERS)
Just a moment.

The BEARERS pause, THE DOCTOR raises the blanket, inspects the neck of the Aggressor (unseen)

Gently replacing the blanket, he confounds RAVENSWORTH by inspecting the necks of the BEARERS.

RAVENSWORTH: What the blazes are you
doing, man!

THE DOCTOR: (TO BEARERS) Thank you..

RAVENSWORTH: Do you hear me? What
was that all about?

THE DOCTOR: Later. You said the son of one my attackers worked here.

RAVENSWORTH: Luke Ward. George Stephenson's assistant. Very capable young man. Spotted him when he was just a lad. My protege, as a matter of fact - THE DOCTOR: (ALREADY RETURNING TO OFFICE) Find him for me, there's a good chap.

RAVENSWORTH:
positive law unto himself!

22. INT. BATH-HOUSE. LAB. DAY.

(THE PIT AND JTS
SAD CORTEGE ARE
STILL ON THE
SCANNER IN BACKGROUND)

MASTER: You see, we do have an allied cause. Unless you eliminate the Doctor, he'll bring this cosy operation to an end.

RANI: Then let's get on with it!

MASTER: My way!

(HOLDING UP THE PHIAL)

We do it my way! Any idea where those morons you created might be?

(SHE JABS THE CO-ORDINATES.

SEEN FROM THE P.O.V. OF ONE HER CONDITIONERS AGGRESSORS IS AN OLD DISUSED MINE WORKING.

SEVERAL AGGRESSORS ARE THERE, INCLUDING WARD AND GREEN.

THE MASTER TURNS TO LEAVE)

RANI: Where are you going?

(IGNORING HER, HE CONTINUES)

23. INT. BATH-HOUSE. CHAMBER. DAY.

(THE MASTER CROSSES TO THE HALL)

RANI: The brain fluid!

MASTER: Perfectly safe.

(SLAPPING HIS BREAST POCKET)

Next to my hearts. Both of them!

(HE EXITS)

RANI: (CALLING) Wait.

(HURRYING, EXTRACTING SOMETHING FROM HER SKIRT POUCH, THE RANI EXPECTS TO SEE THE MASTER BY THE STREET DOOR, HE ISN'T.

INSTEAD HE HAS SIDE-STEPPED INTO THE PASSAGE, AND, BEFORE SHE CAN LOCATE HIM, HE CLAMPS HOLD OF HER WRIST)

MASTER: You're being uncharacteristically supine.

RANI: Let me go!

MASTER: Not until you tell me what this is.

(HE PRISES HER FINGERS APART TO REVEAL ANOTHER PILL BOX)

RANI: Capsules for my lungs. The earth's damp atmosphere affects them.

(HE LIFTS THE LID.

INSIDE ARE, INDEED CAPSULES)

Do you trust anyone?

MASTER: Yes. Myself. Capsules they may be ... but don't touch them until that door closes between us!

(HE EXITS.

SHE GLARES AFTER HIM, ANGRILY SNAPS SHUT THE PILL BOX LEAVING THE CAPSULES UNTOCHED)

25. INT. OFFICE. DAY.

(LUKE WARD, IN HIS TWENTIES, IS WITH THE DOCTOR, PERI AND RAVENSWORTH)

THE DOCTOR: And your father was perfectly normal this morning?

RAVENSWORTH: The lad's told you he
was!

THE DOCTOR: I know. I know. Bear with me. The answer's probably staring me in the face and I just can't see it.

PERI: When did you last talk to
him, Luke?

<u>LUKE:</u> When he came off shift. He were on his way to bath-house.

THE DOCTOR: Bath-house?

LUKE: To get cleaned up.

 $\underline{\text{PERI:}}$ Doctor, you recall when we passed the bath-house -

THE DOCTOR: (CUTTING HER OFF) Luke, can you find me an old coat and cap?

LUKE: In't lobby, but ...

(DEFERRING TO RAVENSWORTH)

RAVENSWORTH: Bring them.

(LUKE LEAVES)

 $\underline{\text{PERI:}}$ When we passed the bath-house, that instrument of yours -

THE DOCTOR: Reacted. Yes. Yes. And the attackers. I said it had been staring me in the face, didn't I? It was! Literally!

PERI: I don't get you.

RAVENSWORTH: Glad it's not just me.

THE DOCTOR: (DISCARDING HIS COAT)
Those men didn't look as if they'd come straight from the pit, did they?

(LUKE RETURNS)

They were clean!

(SNATCHING COAT AND CAP. THE DOCTOR QUITS THE OFFICE)

RAVENSWORTH: Is he often like this.

PERI: Too often! Excuse me.

TELECINE 11:

Ext. Pit. Adj. Office. Day.

THE DOCTOR, his back TO CAMERA, is rubbing his face.

PERI joins him.

PERI: Now what's going on?

THE DOCTOR: I'm about to follow - as you would term it - a hunch.

PERI: Must you? (NO RESPONSE)
Okay, where do I fit in?

THE DOCTOR: You stay here where you'll be safe.

He pulls on the coat.

PERI: Safe! From the moment I
first stepped into the Tardis, I
haven't been safe!

THE DOCTOR: (TURNING) How do I look?

His face is blacked with coal dust.

Donning the cap THE DOCTOR grins and sets off.

PERI waits, then, avoiding detection, begins to tail him.

26. INT. DISUSED MINE WORKING. DAY.

(THE MASTER WALKS INTO THE TENEBROUS MINE WORKING.

ALERT LISTENING)

27A. INT. DISUSED MINE WORKING. DAY.

(THE SCUFF OF A FOOT ON RUBBLE FROM DEEPER WITHIN, CAUSE THE MASTER TO HESITATE)

RANI: (ANGRILY) I told you to
wait, you cretins! Wait! The
man's armed!

29. INT. DUSUSED MINE WORKING. DAY.

(HAND PROTECTIVELY SEEKING THE TCE, THE MASTER PEERS TOWARDS THE ENTRANCE)

RANI: Now!

30A. INT. DISUSED MINE WORKING. DAY.

(IN SIMULTANEOUS ACTION, WARD STEPS OUT CUTTING OFF THE REAR AND, FROM A CAVITY IN THE ROOF, GREEN DROPS ON THE MASTER, KNOCKING HIM TO THE GROUND.

ROLLING, LOCKED TOGETHER, GREEN AND THE MASTER WRESTLE)

(THE STRUGGLE IN THE MINE IS ON THE SCANNER)

 $\underline{\text{RANI:}}$ My phial! The fools'll smash it!

(FROM A SKIRT POUCH SHE TAKES A MINI TRANSMITTER.

TAPS OUT A CODE.

GREEN CLUTCHES AT HIS NECK, THE RED MARK SPREADS ENCIRCLES HIS THROAT.

CHOKING, TEARING AT THE STAIN, HE DIES)

32. INT. DISUSED MINE WORKING. DAY.

(AS THE MASTER RISES, OTHER AGGRESSORS EMERGE FROM DEEPER WITHIN THE MINE.

ALL ARE STUNNED)

MASTER: (TO HIMSELF) The Mark of the Rani ...

(PRETENDING CONCERN, HE BENDS OVER GREEN'S BODY)

WARD: Is he dead?

(THE MASTER NODS)

I don't understand. How? What happened?

 $\underline{\text{MASTER:}}$ I warned you that inventor was treacherous.

WARD: But he's not nowhere near.

MASTER: He doesn't have to be. He's got a machine that does his foul work for him.

WARD: A machine?

(THE MASTER PULLS OUT PAPER AND PEN)

MASTER: I'll show you.

(ON THE SCANNER, THE MASTER IS SEEN DRAWING A SKETCH)

RANI: What's he up to now?

(A LOUD KNOCKING INTERRUPTS)

It'll be something devious and overcomplicated.

(SWITCHING OFF, SHE GOES TOWARDS THE CHAMBER)

He'd get dizzy if he tried to walk a straight line!

34. INT. BATH-HOUSE. CHAMBER. DAY.

(THE INSISTENT BANGING IS REPEATED.

AS THE RANI CROSSES THE ROOM, SHE PULLS THE SHAWL OVER HER HEAD)

(THE RANI OPENS THE STREET DOOR)

 $\underline{\text{RANI:}}$ Get on in. Get on in. Towels are t'already there.

(FOUR MINERS TROOP IN)

36. INT. BATH-HOUSE. CHAMBER. DAY.

(THREE MINERS AND THE DISGUISED DOCTOR DISCARD THEIR JACKETS.

CRIMSON STEAM SEEPS INTO THE ATMOSPHERE.

THE MINERS SINK
TO THE FLOOR. BUT
THE DOCTOR, ENFEEBLED,
TRIES TO RESIST.

WITHOUT AVAIL. HE, TOO, SINKS INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS)

37. INT. DISUSED MINE WORKING. DAY.

(A FINAL FLOURISH TO THE SKETCH)

WARD: What's that? A coffin?

(HE COMMANDEERS THE PAPER.

THE MASTER HAS DRAWN THE TARDIS)

MASTER: A coffin? An appropriate description! It's the machine that murdered your friend.

WARD: That thing?

(A NOD FROM THE MASTER)

 $\underline{\text{MASTER:}}$ To be buried in the deepest mine shaft.

 $\frac{\text{WARD:}}{\text{box.}}$ Can't see no point in burying a Better to bury him!

MASTER: Trust me. I give you my word. Destroying that will divest him of all his power.

WARD: Where is it? Dost know?

 $\underline{\text{MASTER:}}$ The slag heap. Hurry. Fetch it to the pit.

 $\underline{\text{WARD:}}$ Fetch it? Nay, tha's coming with us!

MASTER: No. Not me. This is only the bait. I have to return to the village to set the trap ...

(HAVING CONNECTED A MINER TO THE EXTRACTOR, THE RANI MOVES TO THE TROLLEY ON WHICH THE DOCTOR IS STRAPPED.

SHE BRUSHES THE HAIR FROM BEHIND HIS LEFT EAR. STOPS. TOUCHES HIS SKIN.

PLACES A THERMOMETER ON HIS FOREHEAD.

BENDS TO LISTEN TO HIS HEART, TO HIS OTHER HEART!

BRUSQUELY SHE SWABS THE COAL DUST FROM HIS FACE!

THE COLD DOWSING REVIVES THE DOCTOR)

THE DOCTOR: (GENUINELY SURPRISED) Well, well. The Rani.

RANI: You were expecting to see
the Master?

THE DOCTOR: See? Not exactly. Not unless he's grown a little larger since I last saw him!

RANI: Your smugness is misplaced. He's here. He's normal size. And he wants you dead - curse the pair of you!

(RANI CHECKS THAT THE TROLLEY STRAPS ARE SECURE)

THE DOCTOR: As we're insulting each other: I can't say I approve of your taste in clothes or make-up. Doesn't do a thing for you.

RANI: Likewise, your regeneration's not too attractive either. But at least I can change my clothes and make-up. You're stuck with what you've got.

THE DOCTOR: My face is of little importance. Brain regeneration's what I need! I should have been able to pin this down to you. Personality changes. In all probability due to imbalance of body chemicals. Yes, you're the obvious culprit. Well, you had me fooled, if that's any consolation.

RANI: It isn't.

THE DOCTOR: Of course, you'd have been discovered eventually. Even without my intervention.

(SHE DISCONNECTS THE MINER)

RANI: I never have.

THE DOCTOR: Oh, this isn't your first
visit then?

RANI: I've been coming to this
wretched planet for centuries.

THE DOCTOR: Without being caught? I'm impressed. You must be a brilliant tactician as well as a brilliant chemist.

RANI: It isn't difficult. These humans you so admire are a feckless lot. Always in disarray. The Trojan Wars. Julius Ceasar. The American War of Independence.

THE DOCTOR: And now the Luddite Riots.

RANI: Perfect cover.

THE DOCTOR: Cover, yes. For what?

(THE RANI PUNCHES ON THE SCANNER, DESERTED FIELD ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE VILLAGE.

SHE SHAKES HER HEAD IMPATIENTLY)

I think I've got it. You're extracting a chemical from the brain. The result is the victims become aggressive. Violent. Can't rest - that's it. The chemical that promotes sleep!

RANI: I begin to understand why the
Master finds you such a menace!

(RANI PUNCHES UP A DESERTED APPROACH ROAD TO THE VILLAGE)

(MUTTERS) Where is the idiot?

THE DOCTOR: I presume you're referring
to the Master. (cont...)

(THE RANI PUNCHES ON THE SCANNER ANOTHER FIELD NEAR THE VILLAGE) THE DOCTOR: (cont) Well, since I don't want to be a nuisance to you, why not release me?

RANI: So that you, too, can put a
stop to my work?

THE DOCTOR: Certainly. Traditionally you've wished this planet no ill.

RANI: I don't know. It's simply they've got the sole source of supply -

THE DOCTOR: Source of supply! These are human beings, Rani. Living creatures who've done you no harm.

RANI: What harm have the animals in the fields done them? The rabbits they snare? Sheep they nourish to slaughter? They're carnivores. Do they worry about the lesser species when they sink their teeth into a lamb chop?

(ON THE SCANNER WE SEE THE MASTER HURRYING IN THE DIRECTION OF THE PIT.

QUICKLY THE RANI PUTS ON HER SHAWL.

TO JOSH)

Josh, guard him!

THE DOCTOR: Josh?

RANI: (TO JOSH) If he moves, kill him.
(cont...)

(ABOUT TO LEAVE, SECOND THOUGHTS)

 $\frac{\text{RANI:}}{\text{kill}} - \frac{(\text{cont})}{}$ No, don't kill him,

(INDICATING MINER)

- that one!

(TO DOCTOR)

Touche, Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: Don't hurry back.

TELECINE 12:

Ext. Village.
Adj. Bath-house. Day.

Disobediently watching from cover, PERI sees the OLD CRONE hastily quitting the bath-house.

She crosses the street.

(PERI ENTERS DIFFIDENTLY)

PERI: Doctor?

40. INT. BATH-HOUSE. CHAMBER. DAY.

(THE WALL IS OPEN AND TWO MINERS LIE ON THE FLOOR. THERE IS NO TRACE OF THE CRIMSON GAS)

PERI: (VOICE) I know you're here.
I'd've seen you leave -

(ENTERING - SHOCKED, SHE HURRIEDLY INSPECTS THE TWO MINERS.

THEN APPREHENSIVELY VENTURES THROUGH THE WALL)

Doctor?

(PERI COMES IN)

PERI: Doctor!

(SHE RUSHES TOWARDS HIM)

THE DOCTOR: Stop!

PERI: What d'you mean 'stop'? I'm
going to free you -

THE DOCTOR: No! Don't come near me!

(HE LOOKS AT THE TWO ASSISTANTS)

Touch me and their orders are to kill!

PERI: Well - I can't just - I must
do something!

THE DOCTOR: You can. Get that poor fellow out of danger.

(INDICATING MINER ON TROLLEY)

PERI: How?

THE DOCTOR: Use some of that famous American initiative! Push him outside!

(PERI FROWNS AT THE ASSISTANTS)

PERI: But won't they ...?

THE DOCTOR: Their orders relate only to me. Now move, Peri!

(KEEPING A WARY EYE ON THE ASSISTANTS, PERI BEGINS WHEELING THE TROLLEY OUT OF THE LAB.

SHE HESITATES)

PERI: Orders? Whose orders?

THE DOCTOR: Just for once forget the cross examination and go!

42. INT. BATH-HOUSE. CHAMBER. DAY.

(PERI IS MANOEUVRING THE TROLLEY PAST THE RECUMBENT BODIES, WHEN THE LATCH RATTLES.

SHE FREEZES.

THE DOOR OPENS,
AND IN COMES THE
OLD CRONE, FOLLOWED
BY THE MASTER)

RANI: Who's this brat?

(ABEAUTIFIC SMILE BRIGHTENS HIS FEATURES)

MASTER: My dear Rani, quite unwittingly you have made my triumph utterly complete. Allow me to introduce the Doctor's latest travelling companion ... Miss Peri Brown. Although her travelling days will soon be over ...

TELECINE 13:

Ext. Redfern Vale.
Lane. Day.

The AGGRESSORS march jubilantly towards the village, the Tardis borne on the redressed Drayman's wagon.

(PRODDED BY THE RANI, A CRESTFALLEN PERI RETURNS)

PERI: I thought he was dead.

MASTER: (ENTERING) As you observe, I am very much alive. Your erstwhile mentor, on the other hand, is about to - I believe the modern expression is 'snuff the candle'!

THE DOCTOR: Snuff the candle! You've always lacked style.

 $\underline{\text{RANI:}}$ (CUTTING IN) Finish with the babbling.

MASTER: I've a score to settle with Miss Peri first.

(TO PERI)

When we last met, you could have saved me -

(TAKING OUT TCE)

- and didn't.

RANI: No! Don't kill the girl!

THE DOCTOR: Thank you, Rani. I'm glad you haven't quite sunk to the Master's depths.

(THE RANI GRABS PERI'S WRIST)

PERI: Hey, let go!

RANI: Be still!

(SHE CHECKS PERI'S PULSE)

Human.

MASTER: So?

 $\frac{\text{RANI:}}{\text{else's.}}$ Her brain's as good as anyone

MASTER: No comment, Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: I don't think I could stand it.

PERI: Stand what?

THE DOCTOR: A hyperactive Peri! It's too ghastly to contemplate.

PERI: What are you talking about?

MASTER: (TO PERI) We're being treated to an example of his famous sense of humour.

(TO THE DOCTOR)

I'm afraid, Doctor, even that will desert you soon.

TELECINE 14:

Ext. Outskirts of Village.
Day.

The PROCESSION of the Tardis and the AGGRESSORS has reached the outskirts of the village.

44. INT. BATH-HOUSE. LAB. DAY.

MASTER: A turbulent time, Doctor,
in Earth's history?

THE DOCTOR: Not one of the most
tranquil, I agree.

MASTER: A critical period?

THE DOCTOR: You could say that.

MASTER: Oh, I do. The beginning of a new era!

(AN ABRUPT SWITCH TO PERI)

Why do you think that should happen now?

PERI: I guess I've never given it
much thought.

(HER ATTENTION IS ON THE RANI WHO IS MAKING PREPARATIONS TO DRAIN PERI'S BRAIN)

MASTER: Ah, but you should. I'm talking about the impact of individuals. Has not your country based its philosophy on the cult of the individual? (cont...)

(HIS TONE IS CONTEMPTUOUS)

MASTER: (cont) A sentimental concept that squanders the opportunities presented by the exceptional gifts of these men of genius.

PERI: Doctor, do you get his drift?

THE DOCTOR: Only too well, Peri.

PERI: He wants to pervert history!

THE DOCTOR: I'm afraid the Prince of Darkness here would not see it as perversion.

MASTER: Maudlin claptrap! The talents of these geniuses should be harnessed to a superior vision. With their help, I can turn this insignificant planet into a power base unique in the Universe!

THE DOCTOR: And you intend to use the Rani's bag of tricks to achieve this egocentric scheme.

(THE MASTER LAUGHS)

MASTER: You are indeed a worthy opponent, Doctor. It is what gives your destruction its piquancy!

(HE OPERATES THE CONTROLS OF THE SCANNER.

ON THE SCREEN, WE SEE THE AGGRESSORS WITH THE TARDIS)

Excellent! Feast your eyes, Doctor, on the imminent demise of the Tardis.

PERI: Demise?

MASTER: Death! Destruction! Finito Tardis! How's that for style?

PERI: Doctor, if they destroy
the Tardis -

THE DOCTOR: (TO RANI) Very clever. Optical illusion recreated on the screen? I've tried that but never succeeded.

MASTER: It's no illusion.

(THE AGGRESSORS ARE IN THE VILLAGE)

PERI: I hope you're right, Doctor.

RANI: He's not.

THE DOCTOR: (TO PERI) Believe me, I am. The Rani's cleverer than any of us. She's obviously been able to modify this scanner so that it reflects what is in the mind instead of what is happening in reality -

MASTER: (TO PERI) Push!

PERI: The trolley?

MASTER: One false move ...

(HE LEVELS THE TCE)

PERI: Push it where?

MASTER: Outside.

RANI: No! He doesn't leave here -

(THE MASTER PULLS OUT THE PHIAL, FLAUNTS IT PRECARIOUSLY BETWEEN THUMB AND FINGER)

MASTER: I wonder how many weeks of work this represents. And how many of the Doctor's precious humans have contributed.

RANI: (TO PERI) Do as he says.

MASTER: (POCKETING PHIAL) You shall have the girl when we return.

(TO PERI)

Push! Unless you'd prefer a swifter end ...

TELECINE 15:

Ext. Village. Adj. Bath-house. Day.

With the AGGRESSORS the Tardis is borne, along the street.

45. INT. BATH-HOUSE. HALL. DAY.

(FRAMED IN THE
DOORWAY ARE THE
DOCTOR STRAPPED TO
THE TROLLEY AND
THE MASTER WITH
THE TCE TRAINED
ON PERI)

TELECINE 16:

Ext. Village. Adj. Bath-house. Day.

The PROCESSION passes the GROUP in the bath-house doorway.

From their shouts, only the word 'pit' is distinguishable.

The MASTER indicates with the tce, that PERI, should ease THE DOCTOR further into the street.

46. INT. BATH-HOUSE. HALL. DAY.

MASTER: The Last Rites, Doctor!

THE DOCTOR: I can't really see from this far away.

MASTER: You can hear!

(THE YELLS OF THE AGGRESSORS ARE LOUD)

THE DOCTOR: I gather they're going to throw it down the pit shaft.

MASTER: All the way ... down ... to the bottom.

TELECINE 17:

a) Ext. Pit. Gate. Day.

The AGGRESSORS reach the pit gate.

TWO GUARDS try to bar them, levelling their guns.

GUARD: Stop, or we'll fire!

The threat produces a hail of stones.

A shot sounds wounding ONE of the AGGRESSORS.

Without halting, and using the Tardis as a battering ram, they smash open the gate, overwhelming and knocking out the GUARDS, before continuing to the shaft.

47. INT. BATH-HOUSE. HALL. DAY.

(THE CLAMOROUS VOICES OF THE AGGRESSORS CAN CLEARLY BE HEARD)

MASTER: Nothing can stop them!
Nothing!

TELECINE 18:

a) Ext. Pit Adj. Shaft. Day.

With a victorious hoist, the Tardis is heaved over the edge of the pit shaft.

INSERT SHOT OF SHAFT and the Tardis falling to its doom.

b) Ext. Village. Adj. Bath-house. Day.

So elated is the MASTER, that momentarily, his attention is taken from THE DOCTOR -

THE DOCTOR kicks the tce from the MASTER'S grasp.

THE DOCTOR: Shove, Peri! Shove!

Peri shoves! But in the wrong direction down the hill towards the pit.

She sprints after it but the trolley rattles on.

c) Ext. Village. Street. Day.

Gleefully, the AGGRESSORS are running from the pit.

OVERSCENE Peri's screams.

CLOSE ON TROLLEY hurtling for the gaping hole.

FADE OUT

WARD spots the trolley.

THE DOCTOR sighs with relief as the trolley loses momentum and slows.

PERI fetches up the rear but the AGGRESSORS get there first.

THE DOCTOR: Thank you. I'm most grateful. Now if you'd release -

He sees the red mark.

THE DOCTOR: Stay back, Peri! Sta-

WARD and the rest of the AGGRESSORS arrive.

WARD: Now it's your turn!

They grab the trolley and propel it, at great speed, towards the shaft.

PERI runs after them.

PERI: Let him go! Let him go!

CLOSER TROLLEY.

The trolley is racing towards the pit shaft.

A final mighty thrust from the AGGRESSORS.

INSERT HIGH ANGLED SHOT SHOWING INKY DEPTHS OF THE SHAFT.